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The Honorable Tom Corbett  
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Dear Governor Corbett:

Published reports suggest that you will soon move ahead with expansion of Pennsylvania's Medicaid program to all citizens earning up to 133 percent of the poverty level. I urge you to take action now and implement the expansion of Medicaid beginning January 1, 2014. For over a year, you have resisted calls from citizens across our state to take this opportunity to reduce our uninsured rate by 41 percent and expand Medicaid eligibility to over 500,000 Pennsylvanians.

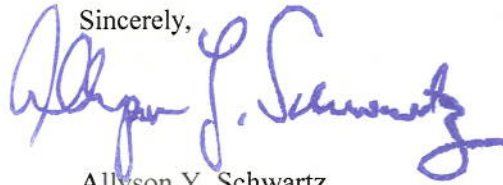
Instead you have delayed for over a year, claiming a lack of clarity in federal regulations, while 25 other states—led by both Republican and Democratic governors—made the right decision for their constituents by accepting federal dollars to expand this vital program. You questioned the future of Pennsylvania's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) under the Affordable Care Act. As a State Senator who fought hard for the creation of CHIP, I am deeply committed to maintaining a robust CHIP program for children and their working parents in Pennsylvania. I am confident that there are ways to meet the health care needs of Pennsylvania's children through an integration of CHIP and coverage available of coverage through the Affordable Care Act.

On September 6, Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius provided a detailed response to your concerns related to CHIP eligibility under the Affordable Care Act. She affirmed that CHIP will continue to provide coverage to over 100,000 children in our state and that the administration is willing to work with the state to ensure the law is implemented in such a way that access to care is not disrupted.

For too long, you have sought to leverage your claims of regulatory uncertainty for concessions from the federal government that could have significant consequences for all of the families covered under Medicaid. The decision over whether to expand health care coverage in our state should not be held hostage for unrelated political objectives. It is time to stop questioning and start acting. Health care coverage for hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians depends on it.

The Commonwealth has the ability and moral obligation to ensure access to health care for these hard working citizens who currently lack affordable coverage. I urge you to act swiftly to commit to and implement expansion of Medicaid on January 1, 2014.

Sincerely,



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